



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

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To County Residents:

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is analyzing the feasibility of acquiring new parkland for a future park and staging area for OHV recreational users in the Antelope Valley.

We received your request for more information regarding the proposed Off-Highway Vehicle Park in Littlerock. Attached please find a Project Fact Sheet with details on the proposed project, as well as contact information for Department staff assigned to the project.

We appreciate your feedback and will continue to provide project updates as they become available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kathline King'.

Kathline King
Chief of Planning

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PROJECT FACT SHEET

Project:

Littlerock Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Park.

County Department:

The County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation (Department).

Project Contact:

Robert Ettleman, Park Planner, (213) 351-5134, rettleman@parks.lacounty.gov

Project Location:

County of Los Angeles, Littlerock Community. The project site is located one-half mile east of the intersection of Cheseboro Road and Mount Emma Road on the south side of Mount Emma Road adjacent to the Angeles National Forest Service boundary.

Project Size:

Staging area up to 10 acres and OHV Park with internal trails totaling up to 550 acres.

Funding Source:

Special OHV Funds received from the State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division.

Objectives:

The proposed project will meet several important objectives of the County, including:

1. Create an OHV staging area and park for County residents to facilitate legal riding and OHV recreation;
2. Utilize State funds given to Los Angeles County for the purpose of constructing OHV facilities;
3. Prevent unauthorized off-highway recreation activities that are currently occurring at the project site and on surrounding properties;
4. Delineate specific legal trails for OHV activities for responsible recreation;
5. Step up enforcement activities in the vicinity of the project site to monitor:

- Unauthorized vehicle use on private property
- Illegal dumping; and
- Illegal firearm use

6. Engage community efforts and attention on the area surrounding the project site to support clean-up efforts and community watch.

The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for implementing recreational facilities throughout Los Angeles County to address the varied recreational interests of Los Angeles County residents. The demand for OHV trails, staging areas and parks has increased in recent years as evidenced by the amount of illegal off-road activities reported by the Sheriff's Department in the project vicinity. Without official public OHV facilities, off-roaders have trespassed onto user-created trails that exist near the project site. Deputies report significant attempts to use trails in the vicinity of the project area and legal, public alternatives in the northwest part of the County do not exist.

Some property owners have been utilizing the area around the project site for OHV recreation since the 1960's, as is evidenced by the numerous user-created trails, hill climbs, and unofficial staging areas.

Project Improvements:

The proposed site improvements may include landscaping, shade structures, restrooms, vehicle and trailer parking areas, signage, and on-site emergency telephone.

Planning and design of the project site will be implemented consistent with the County's OHV Park Planning Guidelines, which can be viewed, printed, or downloaded at: http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Parks/Off_Highway_vehicles (Click on OHV Special Projects, then click on, "LACO OHV Park Planning Guidelines"). Project Status: Preliminary environmental and site design analyses are being conducted in conjunction with property acquisition activities. The Department is looking at ways to incorporate non-motorized recreational activities into the park, staging area and trails.

The Department will hold public scoping meetings as an element of the environmental assessment, enforcement /safety plan, fire prevention plan, and management plan for the park project site.

Other ongoing or future County activities include:

- Consult with State Parks OHMVR Commission, US Bureau of Land Management, Angeles Forest Service, Office of Supervisor Michael A. Antonovich, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Park Bureau, Fire Department, and local Town Councils.
- Prepare a draft management and maintenance plan.
- Work with local Town Councils and OHV users to create a volunteer program.
- Work with both the Sheriff's Park Bureau staff and the Angeles National Forest Service to develop an OHV enforcement plan for the project area incorporating up to a two-miles radius.